

# EDITORIAL

Once again we have reached the Christmas season and the good will that comes with it, however, harness racing has been struck with some severe news. York Harness Raceway has been put on the market for sale and racing will not be taking place at the Allensmore track next year. Now is the time for everyone involved in harness racing to forget their differences and all pull together to create a united front. This has already begun in the North of England with an initiative run by Joseph Maw. He has already pulled together some excellent committee members and I can only wish them the very best of luck along with my full support in any way possible.

2018 will see changes at the BHRC office with investments to update computer systems which will make the running of the office much more efficient. The new programmes we are taking on is an update on our accounts package which means we will be able to more closely monitor our costings on a monthly basis. We will also be getting a new database for online entries, training packages for staff and a total revamp of the telephone system. We feel we need this to take us forward and hopefully help in the future to move the sport forward.

Going back to the beginning of the editorial, the number of phone calls I have received concerning the future of the sport has been overwhelming. If we can all learn by this that if we all work as a team and pull together, we will be able to work in a direction, without individuals breaking away and portraying negative attitudes. A meeting will be called in early January; date, time and venue TBA, so please keep a look out for the announcement on the BHRC website. We would hope that as many of you as possible will be able to attend. Please remember your attendance at such meetings is for the benefit of the sport.

On a lighter note, I hope that you all have a fantastic Christmas and a very Happy New Year and that your Christmas stockings are at least half full and not half empty!!

May your thoughts be positive.

Regards,

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